

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present application includes pending claims 41-70. Claim 40 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 51-60 have been amended to correct for minor informalities. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

In an April 2, 2007 telephone interview between the Examiner (Charles Chang Chow) and the undersigned Attorney (Ognyan Beremski), the Examiner indicated that claims 41-70, as amended above, will be allowable. The Applicant gratefully thanks the Examiner for the favorable consideration of pending claims 41-70. In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Applicant has cancelled claim 40 without prejudice and has reserved the right to pursue the canceled claim in a subsequent continuing application.

With respect to the present application, the Applicant hereby rescinds any implicit or explicit disclaimer of claim scope made in the present application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer, if any, and the prior art that it was made to avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

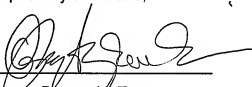
CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all claims 41-70 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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